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SUMMARY: ANKARA'S FINDING THAT GREEK DECISION TO REPLACE NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WAS INADEQUATE PROVOKED SHARP RETORT FROM GREEK PERMREP, LEADING TO BITTER EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN NAC. NETHERLANDS PROPOSED THAT GREEK OFFICER CONTINGENT BE PROGRESSIVELY DIMINISHED DURING REPLACEMENT PROCESS. NAC WILL DISCUSS CYPRUS SECRET

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AGAIN IN AFTERNOON AFTER SYG'S RETURN. END SUMMARY.

1. IN MORNING SESSION OF NAC ON JULY 19 CHAIRED BY ACTING SYG DE STAERCKE, TURKISH CHARGE TULUMEN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED CLEAR

INSTRUCTIONS FROM ANKARA CONFIRMING HIS PERSONAL REACTIONS PREVIOUS EVENING (REFTEL). JULY 18 DECLARATION BY AMBASSADOR CHORAFAS DID NOT SATISFY TURKISH AUTHORITIES IN ANY RESPECT. GREEK OFFICERS WERE IN CYPRUS ILLEGALLY, AND MERELY REPLACING THEM WOULD NOT FULFILL GREECE'S INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER 1960 TREATY OF GUARANTY. (FULL TEXT OF TULUMEN'S STATEMENT BY SEPTEL.)

2. GREEK PERMREP CHORAFAS RESPONDED THAT ATHENS HAD MADE CLEAR ITS INTENTION TO HEED INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, AND ASKED WHAT MORE IT COULD DO. GREEK OFFICERS HAD BEEN STATIONED ON CYPRUS AT REQUEST OF HOST GOVERNMENT, IN CONTRAST WITH THE TURKISH GARRISON, WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTS. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAD APPEARED TO WANT REPLACEMENT; HE WAS SORRY THAT TURKS WERE NOT SATISFIED, BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT THEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH ANYTHING. HE DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN REINFORCEMENTS FROM GREECE.

3.TULUMENT REJECTED CHORAFAS' POINTS ABOUT PAST AND PRESENT GOVERNMENTS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE MAKARIOUS GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF GREEK OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER

CHORAFAS REFERENCE TO "PRESENT GOVERNMENT" MEANT THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS SPEAKING FOR OR IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DE FACTO REGIME IN CYPRUS.

- 4. AT THIS POINT EXCHANGE BECAME HEATED, WITH TULUMEN AND CHORAFAS TRADING CHARGES OF INTERVENTIONISM. CHAIRMAN INTERRRUPTED THEM TO CALL ON UK REP, WHO HAD ASKED FOR FLOOR EARLIER.
- 5. LOGAN (UK) PROMISED REPORT ON JULY 18 CONVERSATIONS IN LONDON FOR SECOND NAC MEETING IN AFTERNOON, AT WHICH SYG LUNS WOULD BE PRESENT. HE THEN ASKED CHORAFAS ABOUT HIS REFERENCE TO GREEK RESPECT FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. THIS PHRASE HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN GREEK FONMIN'S PUBLIC STATEMENT, AND UK AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED GREEK FONMIN TO CLARIFY THE POINT IN A SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT. HAD SUCH A STATEMENT NOW BEEN MADE? CHORAFAS' REPLY WAS THAT RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRET

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OBLIGATIONS WAS IMPLIED BY FIRST GREEK PUBLIC STATEMENT, EVEN IF IT WAS NOT EXPLICIT

6. SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS CHARGE BUWALDA CHARACTERIZED GREEK STATEMENT PREVIOUS EVENING AS A GESTURE TO REDUCE TENSIONS, BUT NOTED THAT TIME SCHEDULE FOR REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS WAS VAGUE. DUTCH HOPE GREEKS WILL MOVE WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED. IN ORDER TO FURTHER "DEPOLARIZE" THE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND, NETHERLANDS ALSO HOPES THAT REPLACEMENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A "GRADUAL DIMINISHMENT" OF GREEK OFFICERS ON THE ISLAND. BUWALDA AGREED WITH RUMSFELD'S VIEW THAT ALLIES SHOULD AVOID PUBLIC POSITIONS AND ALLOW DIPLOMATIC ACTION TO TAKE ITS COURSE. HOWEVER, HE SAID, GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY AND

POSSIBILITY TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION.

- 7. CHORAFAS REPLIED TO BUWALDA THAT REPLACEMENT WAS EXPECTED TO BE PROMPT, BUT WITH VERY SHORT DELAYS IN BETWEEN STAGES. ALL THE OFFICERS COULD NOT BE REPLACED AT ONCE. DE STAERCKE SUGGESTED THAT GREEKS PROVIDE A SCHEDULE TO SYG.
- 8. RUMSFELD (U.S.) REPORTED ON RESULTS OF JULY 17 DEMARCHES AS EARLIER INSTRUCTED, AGAIN DREW ON GUIDANCE IN REF B, AND EMPHASIZED POINT THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO NEW ALLIANCE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS. (TEXT OF RUMSFELD STATEMENT SEPTEL.) DE STAERCKE AS ACTING SYG AGREED THAT PRESS STATEMENT SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE MOMENT, SO AS TO ALLOW GREATER DIPLOMATIC FLEXIBILITY. MERE FACT THAT NAC WAS MEETING DAILY OR MORE OFTEN ON CYPRUS WOULD GIVE PRESS AN ADEQUATE INDICATION OF ALLIANCE CONCERN.
- 9. MENZIES (CANADA) CIRCULATED TEXT OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT RELEASED TO PRESS JULY 18 IN OTTAWA, WHICH CALLS FOR ACTION BY GREEKS TO SUBSTANTIATE PUBLICLY DECLARED POLICY OF GOG. ON PERSONAL BASIS, MENZIES SUPPORTED NETHERLANDS SUGGESTION FOR GRADUAL DIMINISHMENT OF GREEK CONTINGENT. RUMSFELD

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